

For instance, one of our most effective treatments for heart and circulatory disease was derived originally from chemicals produced by the purple foxglove. In 1991, more than 923,000 Americans died of heart disease or stroke. That statistic would be higher if it were not for the purple foxglove, the plant which produces digitalis, a drug that is taken by 3 million Americans annually to combat high blood pressure. Digitalis is frequently used to improve circulation in patients with congestive heart failure.

Only 5 percent of known plant species have been screened for their medical purposes. Let us continue to look for more.

#### THE REAL REASON FOR CUTTING PROGRAMS FOR THE NEEDY: TO GIVE MONEY TO THOSE WHO DO NOT NEED IT

(Mr. MEEHAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker before we start on a rampage of spending cuts, I thought we might like to consider the following multiple choice question: If you were trying to pay for over \$1 billion in tax cuts for the wealthy, would you, A, cut funding from nutrition programs for pregnant women and infants; B, eliminate funding for low-income fuel assistance for older Americans and working families; C, take money away from low-income students trying to work to pay for a decent education; or D, all of the above?

If you answered D, you should have no problem with the Republican leadership's rescission bill. But before we even start debating the specifics, let us get the facts straight. There are plenty of other places to cut welfare spending.

Just take a good look at some of the special subsidies we give to animal damage control programs, tobacco giants, and corporate welfare. Do not be fooled by the Republican leadership's cosmetic attempt to use the balanced budget as an excuse to cut these programs.

It is a sham, because it has nothing to do with deficit reduction. It is all about taking money away from people who need it and giving it to people who do not.

#### SALVAGE IS NOT A ZERO-SUM GAME

(Mr. COOLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COOLEY. Mr. Speaker, last night I and my colleagues, Mrs. CHENOWETH of Idaho and Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, presented a special order on timber salvage and its benefits to our environment and economy.

What should be abundantly clear from the statistics and facts that were

presented last night is that salvaging timber is not a zero-sum effort.

The environment does not suffer at the expense of the economy when we allow dead timber to be harvested.

We can encourage a mutually beneficial relationship between the economy and environment, and, in fact, we have a responsibility to do so.

Today we will begin debate on a bill that will allow over 6 billion board feet in timber salvage. This means jobs, revenue, and forest health.

Join me and rise above the environmental hysteria surrounding timber salvage, and pass this rescission bill. Do what is right for the environment and the economy.

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#### FEDERAL FOOD ASSISTANCE

(Mrs. CLAYTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CLAYTON. Mr. Speaker, this last Saturday morning in my congressional district, some 500 people gathered together. They gathered at the J.H. Rose High School in Greenville. Some who gathered were men and some who gathered were women. Some who gathered were older and some who gathered were younger. Some who gathered were black and some who gathered were white. Not all were poor. In fact, the majority of them were not poor. But they all gathered with one purpose in mind. They all gathered to demonstrate their presence that hunger in America is unacceptable and cannot be tolerated.

Those who gathered and gave up their Saturday morning said they wanted to send a message. They asked me to deliver that message to you, Mr. Speaker. The message is very simple, it is plain and it is reflected in their signatures on the silhouette which I brought back to Washington for your observance.

The message, Mr. Speaker, is that Government should make sure that people who are hungry do not go unfed.

This Nation is a strong nation, Mr. Speaker, not because of its technology and its defense. It is because of its compassion. We must not let the folks go hungry.

#### TIME FOR TAX RELIEF

(Mr. CHABOT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, the American people are tired of burning in tax hell. For a generation now, American families and businesses have become virtual money trees for liberal Democrats. In order to finance their loony leftwing redistribution programs, Democrats have left no area of American life untouched. Virtually every facet of life is now taxed.

Americans today face Federal, State, and local income taxes and they have

to pay tolls, fees, FICA, social security, capital gains, sales taxes, and on and on. On top of all this, Americans get very little in return, except a request for more, and a warning from Democrats that they are insensitive to the plight of others.

No wonder Americans are fed up with Government. Most Americans now pay 25 cents to 40 cents out of every dollar that they earn and if we do not do something about this soon, they will be paying 84 cents out of every dollar in taxes.

Mr. Speaker, the American people voted for the Republican majority to reduce taxes and cut spending and we are going to do it.

#### THE SPEAKER AND ETHICS

(Ms. DELAURO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, we learned this week that Speaker GINGRICH failed to disclose GOPAC's involvement in his college course when he asked for Ethics Committee approval.

Mr. GINGRICH's spokesman said that GOPAC's involvement was irrelevant. But that is not what Mr. GINGRICH's colleagues at Kennesaw State College were saying.

In a letter to Kennesaw president Betty Siegel, Robert W. Hill, the chair of the English department, put it best:

Because of Mr. Gingrich's congressional incumbency and because of his direct statements against inviting opposing viewpoints into his course and now with the evidence of GOPAC's direct and improper involvement, I do firmly object to its bearing academic credit.

Mr. Speaker, GOPAC's involvement in Mr. GINGRICH's college course appears to be in violation of the ethics rules and tax laws and underscores the need for an outside counsel to investigate this mess.

#### RELIEF IS ON THE WAY

(Mr. RIGGS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. RIGGS. Mr. Speaker, today is the birthday of Andrew Jackson, our seventh President. One of his most memorable accomplishments is that he was the only President to actually pay off the national debt.

Where have you gone, Andrew Jackson? Our President today on the other hand thinks that \$200 billion deficits as far as the eye can see is just OK.

Well, I just wish the President and House Democrats cared enough about our children to actually balance the budget. This week we begin to change the way Washington works by sending Washington home, back to the people. We will start by passing a bill to reduce the onerous tax burden that has